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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER <b>4121-174</b>
TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <b>10/520038</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. <b>PCT/EP2003/006474</b>	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE <b>18 June 2003</b>	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED <b>2 July 2002</b>

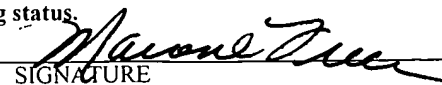
TITLE OF INVENTION <b>PANEL ELEMENT AND CONNECTING SYSTEM FOR PANEL ELEMENTS</b>		
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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☐ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371 (f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
4. ☐ The US has been elected (Article 31).
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))
  - a. ☒ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☒ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☒ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)).
  - a. ☒ is attached hereto.
  - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
7. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
  - a. ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d. ☒ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). (Unsigned)
10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

**Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:**

11. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☒ A preliminary amendment.
14. ☐ An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.
15. ☐ A substitute specification.
16. ☐ A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
17. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.
18. ☐ A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
19. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
20. ☐ Other items or information:

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21. The following fees are submitted:					
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re United States Patent Application of:**

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**SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §371 OF UNITED STATES PATENT APPLICATION  
(NATIONAL PHASE PROCEEDINGS) BASED ON INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.  
PCT/EP2003/006474 AND CLAIMING PRIORITY OF AUSTRIAN PATENT APPLICATION  
NO. A 985/2002**

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Submitted herewith for filing under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.53 and 35 U.S.C. §371 is the above-  
referenced patent application, based on International Patent Application No. PCT/EP2003/006474 and

claiming priority of Austrian Patent Application No. A 985/2002. A copy of the PCT International application and related documents as originally filed are also included. Further included is a Preliminary Amendment, return postcard, a credit card form in the amount of \$500.00 and 35 U.S.C. §371 transmittal forms.

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